USING TECHNOLOGY TO FIGHT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

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Meaning of fraud and corruption.

Why use technology to fight fraud and corruption.

Legal framework, implementation and case analysis.

Identified issues and challenges.

Recommendations/future plans.
**What is Fraud?**

*Fraud* means deception intended to result in financial or personal gain; it may be by deceit, trickery, perversion of truth to induce another person to part with something of value or surrender a legal right.
Corruption involves dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, corruption is abuse of entrusted power for private gain (*Transparency International*).
Using technology ...

- Automation of transactions; crimes are committed using automated systems. It follows that law enforcement should equally use technologically mediated means.
ICT enables accelerated generation and transmission of information, therefore, technological measures should be deployed to collect, store, and analyse evidence, as well as use such measures to present the evidence in courts.
Using technology ...

• While we will always need institutions to deal with real-world threats, we no longer live only in the real-world. We need a strategy to deal with threats that come from the virtual world as well.
Legal framework

- As a reaction, the Computer misuse act 2011 (CMA) was enacted to deal with new challenges.
- Few prosecutions and convictions under the CMA.
Case analysis

- Uganda v Kazinda; 138 of 2012 (Kazinda 1).
- Uganda v Kazinda and others: (Kazinda 2).
- Uganda v Lwamafa and 2 others: 009 of 2015, concluded November 2016
Identified issues...

- A lot of available unprotected personal information/data.
- Used of encryption by perpetrators.
Recommendations

• Adopt a mix of reactive and preventive law enforcement strategies.

• *Pass the data protection law* to take care of unprotected personal information; Data protection Bill pending in parliament since 2014;
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